SCDXC Newsletter

The Southern California DX Club is an informal group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

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If you need him get in there and work him"

From the Editor

Hello DXers of the Club formerly known as the Southern California DX Club!

We had a great turn out at the Holiday Party. As John Alexander, K6SVL, always said after a meet or chat, “It is always a pleasure… “. Many of us are well on our way and no telling when or if we will meet again so it is truly always a pleasure!

In typical fashion the food and service at the Think Café was excellent. Many do not know that the young lady who took our order is the owner and she has done a great job over the past 18 years preserving the standards that makes this venue great!

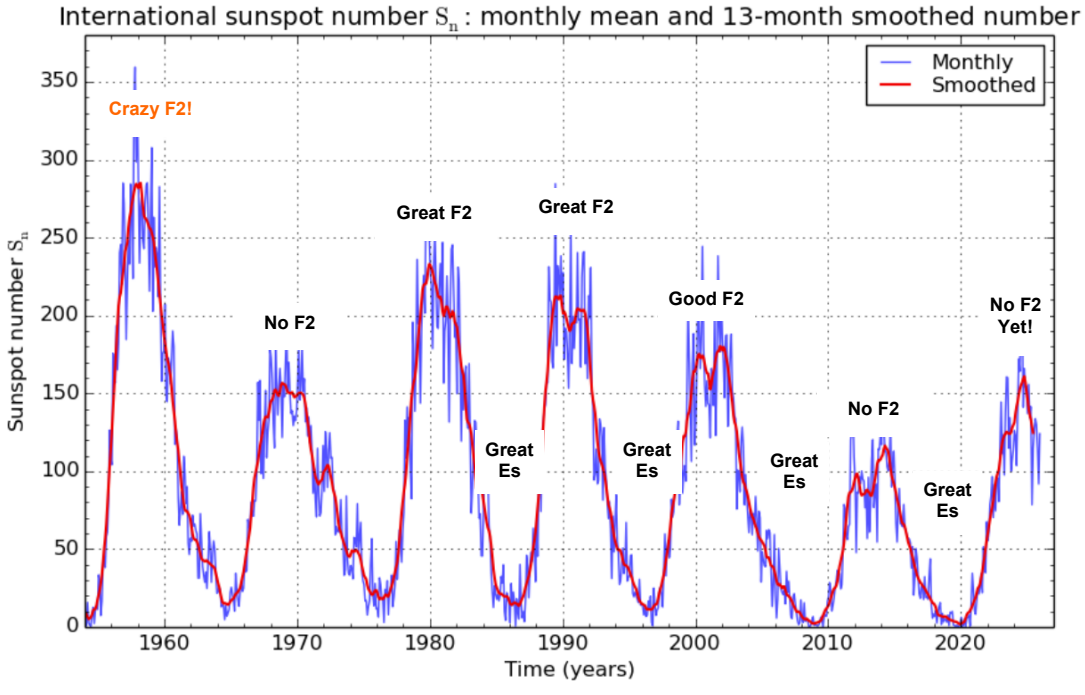
Speaking of gatherings, the **2026 Convention in Santa Maria** is a go! Check out the announcement on page 11. See you there!

Apparently Zoom decided to bill us for 2026 and the payment was made by yours truly. We have a Zoom channel for use by members. If you want to schedule a meet let us know otherwise we will be meeting every second Thursday of the month at 7 PM. If no one shows up after 15 minutes we will adjourn.

The bands have been resilient and the Desecheo DX Group are really taking that entity off of the most wanted list. Many club members have worked them in excess of 10 times with the leader in Zone 3 at 22 slots! At the time this newsletter was written they were 1/3 through the expedition. They are running only 100 watts to a vertical and on some bands they are hard to pull out of the noise but they hear much better than us and often we work them with one call.

If you haven’t already please join NCDXC and SDDXC. Both have extended their membership areas to include Southern California. The Nor Cal group is extremely active so much so that their emails blow up your in box! Both hold meetings with Zoom participation and the presentations are pretty good.

Here is a picture of 6 meter propagation over the cycles. Remember that Europe has had 6 meter privileges for only the last 2 cycles and JT65 / FT8 has only been around for this cycle.



Rumors on the Band

Have you worked KP5/NP3VI yet. If you haven't then you haven't turned on your radio. They are doing a great job and you can follow them on their website and ClubLog livestream.

Unfortunately the San Felix DXpedition did not happen. Some say it was a scam. Conservatively we should say we do not know. Give the group the benefit of the doubt.

We have another rare entity that will be activated this month. Bouvet Island!

Remember that the ARRL DX CW contest is early this month. We will catch a lot of DX then!

QTH	Call	Start Date	End Date	Information
Desecheo Isl.	KP5/NP3VI	Now	10-Feb	NP4G and team 160-6m CW SSB FT8
Rwanda	9X2AW	Now	8-Feb	DF2WO 160-6m CW SSB Digi
Sao Tome & Principe	S9BV	5-Feb	20-Feb	S53BV 60 40 30 15 CW SSB
Cape Verde	D4VR	6-Feb	19-Feb	DD0VR
Bouvet Island	3Y0K	15-Feb	28-Feb	LA7GIA and team HF SSB FT8
Guyana	8R1WA	19-Feb	27-Feb	IZ0EGA IZ0EVI IZ0EWJ IZ6DSQ 160-6m SSB FT8
St Kitts	V4/WA7RAR	21-Feb	7-Mar	WA7RAR 20-10m SSB CW

ClubLog Most Wanted West Coast

2026		
#	Pfx	Entity
1	EZ	TURKMENISTAN
2	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND
3	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
4	YK	SYRIA
5	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS
6	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
7	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
8	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
9	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
10	YV0	AVES ISLAND
11	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS
12	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND
13	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS
14	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND
15	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND
16	T5	SOMALIA
17	5A	LIBYA
18	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND
19	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND
20	VQ9	CHAGOS ISLANDS
21	ZC4	UK BASES ON CYPRUS
22	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS
23	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA
24	JX	JAN MAYEN
25	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS
26	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND
27	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND
28	XZ	MYANMAR
29	R1F	FRANZ JOSEF LAND
30	VP0S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS
31	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS
32	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND
33	YI	IRAQ
34	E3	ERITREA
35	ET	ETHIOPIA
36	3A	MONACO
37	E4	PALESTINE
38	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND
39	4U1ITU	ITU HQ
40	J2	DJIBOUTI
41	3C0	ANNOBON
42	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND
43	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA
44	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS
45	VU7	LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS
46	7O	YEMEN
47	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS
48	S2	BANGLADESH
49	VP0G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND
50	YA	AFGHANISTAN

ClubLog Most Wanted

2026			2025			
#	Pfx	Entity	#	Pfx	Entity	Delta
1	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	1	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	1 =
2	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND	2	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	6 (↑ 4)
3	KH7K	KURE ISLAND	3	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	5 (↑ 2)
4	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	4	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND	3 (↓1)
5	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND	5	KH7K	KURE ISLAND	8 (↑ 3)
6	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	6	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND	2 (↓4)
7	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND	7	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND	7 (↓ 3)
8	YV0	AVES ISLAND	8	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND	8 (↑ 1)
9	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND	9	YV0	AVES ISLAND	9 (-2)
10	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND	10	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND	10 =
11	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND	11	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND	11 (↑ 1)
12	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND	12	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND	31 (↓ 19)
13	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	13	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS	13(↑ 7)
14	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND	14	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND	14 =
15	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS	15	VP0S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	15 (↓ 2)
16	VP0S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	16	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS	16 (↓1)
17	YK	SYRIA	17	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS	17 (↑ 6)
18	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS	18	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	18 (↓ 2)
19	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	19	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND	19 (↓ 1)
20	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND	20	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	20 (↓ 1)
21	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS	21	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS	21 (↓ 4)
22	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS	22	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND	22 (↑ 4)
23	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO	23	YK	SYRIA	25 (↓ 2)
24	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND	24	VP0G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	17 (↑ 7)
25	VP0G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	25	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO	19 (↑ 6)
26	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS	26	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS	18 (↑ 8)
27	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND	27	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND	27 =
28	VK9M	MELLISH REEF	28	VK9M	MELLISH REEF	28 =
29	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA	29	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA	29 =
30	KP1	NAVASSA ISLAND	30	KH9	WAKE ISLAND	30 (↑58)
31	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	31	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS	31 (↑ 3)
32	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS	32	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND	32 (↑ 1)
33	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND	33	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS	33 (↓ 1)
34	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS	34	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	34 (↓ 3)
35	TI9	COCOS ISLAND	35	KP1	NAVASSA ISLAND	36 (↑ 1)
36	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND	36	TI9	COCOS ISLAND	36 (↑ 2)
37	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS	37	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND	37 (↑ 2)
38	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND	38	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND	38 (↓ 1)
39	KH9	WAKE ISLAND	39	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS	39(↓ 9)
40	VP8O	SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS	40	VP8O	SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS	40 =
41	XZ	MYANMAR	41	XZ	MYANMAR	41 =
42	ZK3	TOKELAU ISLANDS	42	ZK3	TOKELAU ISLANDS	42 =
43	3C0	ANNOBON	43	3C0	ANNOBON	43 =
44	R1F	FRANZ JOSEF LAND	44	1S	SPRATLY ISLANDS	44 (↑ 3)
45	1S	SPRATLY ISLANDS	45	T5	SOMALIA	45 (↓ 1)
46	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS	46	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS	46 =
47	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	47	R1F	FRANZ JOSEF LAND	47 (↑ 1)
48	T33	BANABA ISLAND	48	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	48 (↑ 1)
49	E3	ERITREA	49	T33	BANABA ISLAND	49 (↑ 1)
50	H40	TEMOTU PROVINCE	50	H40	TEMOTU PROVINCE	50 =

[CADXA Most Wanted DXCC]

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DX Standings

Thanks Charlie, W6KK, Frank, K6FOD and Steve, AA6AA for updating their standings.

Congratulations to Charlie, W6KK for completing the 5BWAZ. This is a lifetime accomplishment and proof that there is personal reward for finishing a task without having to lower the goal posts. Patience and endurance is the hallmark of this award and the hallmark of the DXCC honor roll. Rather than cheapening it we should acknowledge the ones who went above and beyond. Individually you can celebrate the incremental goals like the DXCC endorsements.

If you are a new member please join ClubLog and then sign up for the Southern California DX Club. If you need help email me.
Send any updates to:

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SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

M	Mixed
P	Phone
C	CW
R	RTTY

SCDXC Lifetime Standings

Rank	Call	Current	Total	Slots	Rank	Call	Current	Total	Slots
1	W6KH	340	389		50	W6HB	311	311	1029
2	JA1BK	340	383	3242	51	N6PM	305	305	2291
3	K6YRA	340	378	2278	52	N6GP	303	314	1851
4	OH2BH	340	378		53	K6IRD	292	302	649
5	N0FW	340	372	2978	54	W6ZL	299	303	1179
6	K6YUI	340	366	2610	55	WA6HXM	275	275	
7	NS6C	340	361	2657	56	WA6WXD	274	274	
8	W6SR	340	359	2778	57	K6VC	264	267	
9	K6FG	340	357	2795	58	KN6ZZI	254	254	1197
10	WA6WZO	340	358	2456	59	K0XP	250	249	973
11	K5KT	340	355		60	N6AA	247	247	2442
12	W8DX	340	353	2456	61	W6KC	246	248	743
13	N6WS	340	352	2723	62	NE6V	239	239	1037
14	W6TK	340	351	1781	63	K6JEY	234	234	
15	N6HC	340	349	2408	64	WC2S	231	231	744
16	W6KK	340	349	2066	65	N6HE	229	238	746
17	K6ND	340	348	2861	66	W6YLZ	229	230	965
18	WA5VGI	340	348	2816	67	N6VOH	222	251	
19	KJ6Y	340	348	1439	68	N6AV	212	212	
20	N6PEQ	340	347	2056	69	K6NGO	212	212	739
21	KR6C	340	346	2152	70	K6AFW	204	204	917
22	N6RV	339	356	2517	71	WB6DJI	200	200	589
23	N6QQ	339	356	2231	72	AA6DW	196	202	402
24	W6FL	339	353	1644	73	K6FOD	211	211	479
25	K6RO	339	348	2484	74	K9TAD	180	180	274
26	N6MG	339	347		75	N6LL	169	169	
27	W6TJI	338	355		76	W6GA	169	168	
28	W6RW	338	352	2743	77	KC6TOD	166	166	
29	N6HY	338	346	2294	78	K6DW	165	165	420
30	N6RW	337	371	2786	79	KK6M	162	192	466
31	N7NR	337	361	3034	80	KI6BTY	155	155	593
32	N6IC	336	347		81	W6QE	149	149	365
33	AA6AA	336	351	2625	82	WD6Y	147	147	274
34	K6JW	336	342	1371	83	AB9A	141	141	224
35	SM5GMZ	335	346	2454	84	NZ6L	137	178	158
36	K4ST	335	339	2065	85	N6CA	133	133	386
37	K2IXQ	335	339	1837	86	KF6RY	125	125	306
38	N6MXU	335	339	1831	87	K6BBC	103	117	216
39	N6AX	332	336	1827	88	N6PCD	105	105	251
40	W6SW	331	339	540	89	N6YQ	100	128	
41	K6SY	331	337	1158	90	WA6MEM	100	100	
42	W6DR	331	336	2109	91	W6CCC	95	95	211
43	AA6PW	330	331	1785	92	NA6Q	81	81	198
44	N6AX	322	336	1826	93	W6MPB	61	61	
45	NK6A	320	319	957	94	NR6M	57	57	123
46	N6DHZ	317	323	1623	95	K6LAC	46	46	
47	K7MY	316	316	1461	96	K6YIC	43	43	92
48	N6WT	315	315	2315	97	KJ6YL	14	14	
49	N6VNI	312	314	1541	98				

WAZ Standings

Rank	Call	11B	5B	Awards
1	N0FW	426	200	M/P/C/R/5
2	WA5VGI	418	200	M/P/C/R/5
3	K6ND	415	200	M/5
4	N6WS	415	200	M/P/C/R/5
5	W6SR	384	200	M/P/C/5
6	K6FG	376	200	M/P/C/R/5
7	NS6C	369	200	M/P/C/R/5
8	N6AW	355	200	M/P/C/5
9	K6YUI	353	200	M/P/C/R/5
10	W6KK	348	200	M/P/C/5
11	K6YRA	337	200	P/5
12	W6TK	369	198	
13	N6HY	365	196	M/P/C
14	N6RW	410	199	
15	N6WT	385	195	
16	N6RV	384	195	
17	K6RO	379	195	M/P/C
18	W6FL	253	195	
19	N6PM	380	194	
20	N6QQ	343	189	
21	KR6C	333	189	
22	N6PEQ	338	188	
23	W6DR	348	187	
24	N6GP	313	185	
25	N6DHZ	295	182	
26	AA6PW	298	181	
27	N6VNI	291	181	
28	K6SY	299	178	
29	KJ6Y	237	173	
30	N6HE	253	168	
31	W6ZL	253	166	M/P/C/R
32	KN6ZZI	251	134	
33	K6JW	244	158	
34	NK6A	290	157	
35	W6KC	217	156	
36	W6YLZ	151	288	
37	K7MY	258	159	
38	N6MG	241	150	
39	NE6V	256	149	
40	K6AFW	218	149	
41	KK6M	173	140	
42	K0XP	171	140	
43	K6IRD	220	130	
44	W6SW	154	126	M/P
45	WD6Y	174	109	M
46	K6VC	145	96	
47	K6DW	143	118	
48	WC2S	201	115	
49	K6NGO	191	110	
50	K6FOD	160	106	
51	K9TAD	113	99	
52	NZ6L	104	82	
53	N6HC	17	13	
54	WB6DJI	11	8	

Published Standing Links:

ARRL DXCC Standings

N4BAA 200 Zones

N4BAA 5 Band Listing

2026 Get Schroeder Contest

1A0	4S	7Q	A3	CE9	E7	FK	GI	HS	KH0	LZ	PJ7	T2	TY	VK9L	VU4	YV0
1S	4U1ITU	7X	A4	CN	EA	FK/C	GJ	HV	KH1	OA	PY	T30	TZ	VK9M	VU7	Z2
3A	4U1UN	8P	A5	CO	EA6	FM	GM	HZ	KH2	OD	PY0F	T31	UA	VK9N	XE	Z3
3B7	4W	8Q	A6	CP	EA8	FO	GU	I	KH3	OE	PY0S	T32	UA0	VK9W	XF4	Z6
3B8	4X	8R	A7	CT	EA9	FO/A	GW	IS0	KH4	OH	PY0T	T33	UA2	VK9X	XT	Z8
3B9	5A	9A	A9	CT3	EI	FO/C	H4	J2	KH5	OH0	PZ	T5	UJ	VP0G	XU	ZA
3C	5B	9G	AP	CU	EK	FO/M	H40	J3	KH6	OJ0	R1F	T7	UN	VP0S	XW	ZB2
3C0	5H	9H	BS7H	CX	EL	FP	HA	J5	KH7K	OK	S0	T8	UR	VP2E	XX9	ZC4
3D2	5N	9J	BU	CY0	EP	FR	HB	J6	KH8	OM	S2	TA	V2	VP2M	XZ	ZD7
3D2/C	5R	9K	BV9P	CY9	ER	FS	HB0	J7	KH8/S	ON	S5	TF	V3	VP2V	YA	ZD8
3D2/R	5T	9L	BY	D2	ES	FT/G	HC	J8	KH9	OX	S7	TG	V4	VP5	YB	ZD9
3DA	5U	9M2	C21	D4	ET	FT/J	HC8	JA	KL7	OY	S9	TI	V5	VP6	YI	ZF
3V	5V7	9M6	C31	D6	EU	FT/T	HH	JD/M	KP1	OZ	SM	TI9	V6	VP6/D	YJ	ZK3
3W	5W	9N	C5	DL	EX	FT5/W	HI	JD/O	KP2	P2	SP	TJ	V7	VP8	YK	ZL
3XA	5X	9Q	C6A	DU	EY	FT5/X	HK	JT	KP4	P4	ST	TK	V8	VP8H	YL	ZL7
3Y/B	5Z	9U	C9	E3	~~EZ~~	FT5Z	HK0/M	JW	KP5	~~P5~~	SU	TL	VE	VP8O	YN	ZL8
3Y/P	6W	9V	CE	E4	F	FW	HK0S	JX	LA	PA	SV	TN	VK	VP9	YO	ZL9
4J	6Y	9X	CE0X	E5/N	FG	FY	HL	JY	LU	PJ2	SV/A	TR	VK0H	VQ9	YS	ZP
4L	7O	9Y	CE0Y	E5/S	FH	G	HP	K	LX	PJ4	SV5	TT	VK0M	VR	YT	ZS
4O	7P	A2	CE0Z	E6	FJ	GD	HR	KG4	LY	PJ5	SV9	TU	VK9C	VU	YV	ZS8

Chart Legend	
White / Green	Entity Worked This Year by a Member
Black / White	Very Active Entity Not Yet Worked
Black / Blue	Entity with Announced DXpedition
Black / Yellow	Rarely Active Entity Not Yet Worked
Black / Red	Inactive Entity
	Deleted Entity

The first month of 2026 is water under the bridge and many of the dyed in the wool DXers have been very active breaking 210 entities worked so far. Grant it, except for KP5, the active entities have pretty much been run of the mill. Nevertheless as the table above indicates we have caught a lot of DX this month! Note that the out of area (member at large) members are now in green with an asterisk.

2026 Get Schroeder Leaders

2026 Total Entities Worked	234
2025 Total Entities Worked	285
2026 Entities Worked by SCDXC	212
2025 SCDXC Entities Worked	274
2026 Entities Worked by SCDXC Members in SoCal	202
2025 Entities Worked by SCDXC Members in SoCal	270
2026 ClubLog Leaders Entities Worked	234
2025 ClubLog Leaders Entities Worked	285
2025 SCDXC Leader (N0FW *)	272
2025 ClubLog Leader (TA6B)	274

Rank	Call	Entities	Last Mo.	Last Yr	Leader	-Tot	-QQ	Uniques
								11
1	K6RO *	193	193	-72	145	19	-193	3
2	N6WT	180	180	-83	132	32	-180	1
3	N6RV	172	172	-90	124	40	-172	1
4	N6RW *	167	167	-94	119	45	-167	2
5	NS6C	154	154	-97	106	58	-154	1
6	WA5VGI	137	137	-113	89	75	-137	0
7	KN6ZZI	136	136	-111	88	76	-136	0
8	W6TK *	130	130	-75	82	82	-130	0
9	N6PM	113	113	-98	65	99	-113	0
10	N6WS	112	112	-124	64	100	-112	0
11	N0FW *	96	96	-176	48	116	-96	0
12	AA6PW	93	93	-81	45	119	-93	0
13	N6AV	83	83	-102	35	129	-83	0
14	W6DR *	68	68	-109	20	144	-68	0
15	KI6BTY	60	60	-71	12	152	-60	0
16	N6MG	48	48	-149	0	164	-48	0
17	K6ND *	41	41	-227	-7	171	-41	3
18	N6DHZ *	30	30	-101	-18	182	-30	0

SCDXC Get Schroeder Standings 2026

Rank	Call	160	80	60	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6	Total	Slots	
1	K6RO*	43	87	33	125	123	136	125	131	116	123	18	193	1060	38
2	N6WT	0	10	0	37	13	70	17	55	17	22	1	179	242	12
3	N6RV	0	17	15	104	93	78	60	62	57	63	11	172	560	58
4	N6RW*	14	52	48	123	117	106	79	69	69	60	15	167	752	68
5	NS6C	4	4	0	11	6	85	33	47	46	19	0	154	255	69
6	KN6ZZI	0	0	0	50	56	51	24	45	40	37	4	136	307	3
7	WA5VGI	7	0	13	0	18	67	61	62	57	57	0	135	342	42
8	W6TK*	1	6	0	53	20	61	65	62	50	47	1	130	366	69
9	N6PM	0	10	1	49	17	25	12	12	15	47	0	113	188	32
10	N6WS	0	11	10	16	17	37	24	39	41	32	6	112	233	62
11	N0FW*	1	2	12	5	18	28	21	31	36	45	3	96	202	38
12	AA6PW	0	16	0	46	4	25	26	67	36	44	0	93	264	39
13	N6AV	0	0	0	30	20	24	19	37	35	25	0	83	190	12
14	W6DR*	0	8	4	43	9	9	10	12	14	15	0	68	124	46
15	KI6BTY	1	15	2	26	1	29	10	38	0	28	1	60	151	4
16	N6MG	0	15	3	20	3	7	1	12	14	21	0	48	96	49
17	K6ND*	0	0	0	0	1	36	0	28	0	0	0	41	65	35
18	N6DHZ*	0	0	0	2	1	5	2	13	2	21	0	30	46	38
19	NK6A	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	24	1	1	0	25	28	81
20	AA6DW	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	10	1	9	0	17	27	39
21	KR6C*	3	4	0	0	0	5	1	3	4	1	0	17	21	48
22	W6YLZ	0	2	2	0	7	2	2	2	3	0	2	16	22	38
23	WC2S	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	5	4	0	10	15	34
24	K6NGO	0	0	0	2	3	3	1	3	1	3	0	9	16	6
25	W6SR*	2	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	9	9	59
26	W6FL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	4	7	66
27	K6JW	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	4	6	67

2026 Slot Leaders

Rank	Call	Slots
1	K6RO*	1060
2	N6RW*	752
3	N6RV	560
4	W6TK*	366
5	WA5VGI	342
6	KN6ZZI	307
7	AA6PW	264
8	NS6C	255
9	N6WT	242
10	N6WS	233
11	N0FW*	202
12	N6AV	190
13	N6PM	188
14	KI6BTY	151
15	W6DR*	124
16	N6MG	96
17	K6ND*	65
18	N6DHZ*	46
19	NK6A	28
20	AA6DW	27
21	W6YLZ	22
22	KR6C*	21
23	K6NGO	16
24	WC2S	15
25	W6SR*	9
26	W6FL	7
27	K6JW	6

ClubLog Worked Not SCDXC

3A	D6	J5	SU
3V	E4	JD/O	TU
5R	EP	JT	V7
9G	ET	OH0	YI
AP	EY	OX	
CE9	FP	P2	

SCDXC Worked Not ClubLog

Desecheo Island

Since this rare entity is now active it would be a good time to share a bit of its history.

Desecheo is an small uninhabited island of off Puerto Rico in the Mona Passage. It 13 miles from Punta Higüero on the main island of Puerto Rico. It is small, only 377 acres and as the photograph indicates, it rises up from the ocean like a small mountain. The coast falls off to 3000 feet very quickly. There are two sites that accommodate a safe landing.

There is no evidence that it was inhabited prior to colonization. Columbus discovered the island in 1493 and it was named by Nunez Alvarez de Aragon in 1517. The name means “waste”. It was named this probably because there is no fresh water on it. It was used as base for bandits, smugglers, and pirates (argh!) who stocked the rock with goats. It became a territory of the US in 1898. During WWII it was used as a US bombing range and to this day there is unexploded ordinance strewn across it. Subsequently Desecheo became a survival training site for the US Air Force (their principle task was to avoid unexploded ordinance.

In 1976 management was taken over by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The island is known as the Galapagos of the Caribbean due to its wide variety of rare flora and fauna, particularly the 108mm howitzer bush. In 1983 it was designated as a National Wildlife Reserve, that is, all the wildlife that survived the bombings. In 2000 it became a Marine Reserve where only the brave Haitians fished. Actually, Fish and Wildlife removed several invasive species including rhesus monkeys imported for an adaptation study, and black rats which ate everything. One has to wonder why Bell Labs was involved in the extermination (Is there something else going on there...hmmm?). The result is many of the almost extinct species have bit the bullet (or bomb) and flourished once again. Still, the refuge is closed to the public due to unexploded ordinance, from WWII. Here is a good video: **Desecheo**

Desecheo Island

The island was recognized as a separate DXCC entity in 1979. The criteria being it was a US possession under a separate administration from Puerto Rico which is consistent with ARRL's classification of a detached island. Since then there have been 22 trips to the island activating it for the DX community. The first on the list did not count for credit. The first credited DXpedition was KP4AM/D and it made a big splash! The 23rd activation, KP5/NP3VI is underway right now and is a remote operation. Landing on the island is restricted and set up is only allowed on the helicopter pad. Personnel cannot venture beyond that.

W0DX	1978
KP4AM/D	1979
KP2A/KP5	1981
HI3RST/KP5	1984
WP4ATF/KP5	1984
NR5M/KP5	1985
WD5BJT/KP5	1987
NJ7D/KP5	1988
KP2A/KP5	1989
KP2A/KP5	1989
W8KKF/WP5	1989
KP2A/KP5	1991
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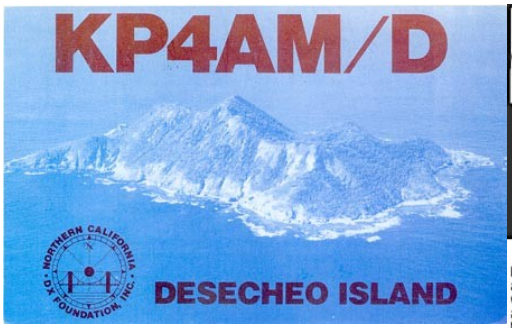

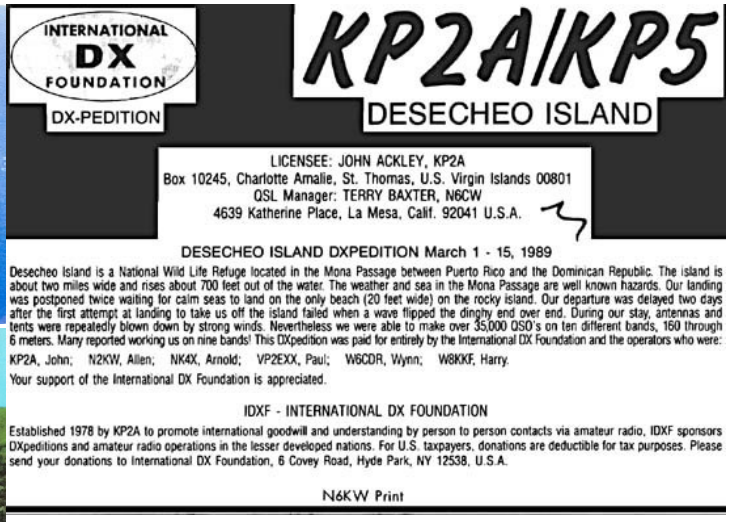
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Desecheo Island is a National Wild Life Refuge located in the Mona Passage between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. The island is about two miles wide and rises about 700 feet out of the water. The weather and sea in the Mona Passage are well known hazards. Our landing was postponed twice waiting for calm seas to land on the only beach (20 feet wide) on the rocky island. Our departure was delayed two days after the first attempt at landing to take us off the island failed when a wave flipped the dinghy end over end. During our stay, antennas and tents were repeatedly blown down by strong winds. Nevertheless we were able to make over 35,000 QSO's on ten different bands, 160 through 6 meters. Many reported working us on nine bands! This DXpedition was paid for entirely by the International DX Foundation and the operators who were:
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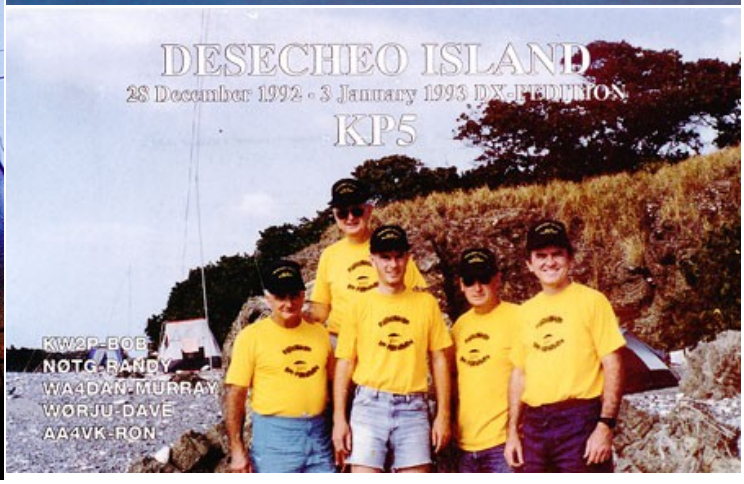

ARRL DXAC Information

The DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) serves as the technical and historical advisory body for the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) on matters related to the DX Century Club (DXCC) award program. Its role is to review questions involving DXCC entities, including proposed new entities, changes in political or geographic status, and situations where existing rules require interpretation or clarification. The DXAC evaluates these issues using established DXCC rules, historical precedent, and objective analysis, and then provides recommendations to ARRL leadership. While the committee plays a critical role in shaping DXCC policy, it does not make final decisions; those remain the responsibility of the ARRL Board.

Members of the DX Advisory Committee are appointed for their experience and expertise in DXing, DXCC history, geography, and awards administration. They do not act as representatives of geographic regions, clubs, or individual operators. Instead, each DXAC member functions as an independent subject-matter expert, reviewing documentation such as maps, treaties, and administrative records, and participating in technical discussions with other committee members. Their responsibility is to analyze edge cases carefully, maintain consistency with long-standing precedent, and help ensure that recommendations are technically sound, neutral, and defensible over time.

Within the broader DXCC framework, the DXAC provides an important layer of review between day-to-day program administration and high-level policy decisions. While DXCC staff manage logs, applications, and award processing, and radio amateurs focus on operating and making contacts, the DXAC concentrates on defining what qualifies as a DXCC entity and under what conditions. By doing so, the committee helps preserve the integrity, fairness, and long-term credibility of the DXCC program, ensuring that it remains meaningful and consistent for generations of DXers.

The SCDXC has a member that is on the ARRL DX Advisory Committee (DXAC). Bill, N6WS, is the DXAC representative for the ARRL Southwestern Division.

Additional information on the DXAC is available on the ARRL Website:
DX Advisory Committee.
Contact information for all DXAC members is available at:
DXAC_Contact_List.pdf

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Chasing Dxpeditions—A Better Way

Bill Shell N6WS

In the April 2025 *NCDXC DXer*, I described the method I've been using for the past few years to chase DXPeditions more effectively. That approach worked well for me—particularly in maximizing band and mode coverage for each operation—so I shared it in the hope it might help others.

At the time, my primary motivation was the *Special Callsign* function in DXLab's SpotCollector. I already used it to track stations on EME and satellites, and it worked equally well for DXPeditions. The downside was maintenance: entering new DXPedition callsigns and removing expired ones required manually typing each entry into the Special Callsign tab of the DXKeeper Configuration screen. It worked—but it was tedious.

Last summer, with a steady stream of DXPeditions—many appearing with little or no advance notice—I found myself updating DXSpider filters and SQL statements several times a month. That quickly became unsustainable. I eventually returned to using the Special Callsign function in SpotCollector, but with one key improvement: automation.

I now maintain a spreadsheet that tracks DXPedition activity on a month-by-month basis. From that spreadsheet, I export a monthly, comma-delimited text file that can be directly imported into the SpotCollector Special Callsign database. Each entry includes the callsign, a tag identifying it as a DXPedition, and an expiration date, allowing entries to automatically age out when an operation ends.

At the beginning of each month, you can download the current DXPedition file from either:

the **NCDXC Slack** #dx-spots-dxpeditions *Files* tab, or

the **GUNs Discord** #tech-support channel.

Using the *Special Callsigns* tab in the DXLab SpotCollector configuration menu, you can import the file and immediately see DXPeditions highlighted in your spot window. I also use a custom SpotCollector filter that highlights both DXPeditions and stations I still need. The filter expression is:

(Tags = '<DXP>') or <NeedFilter>

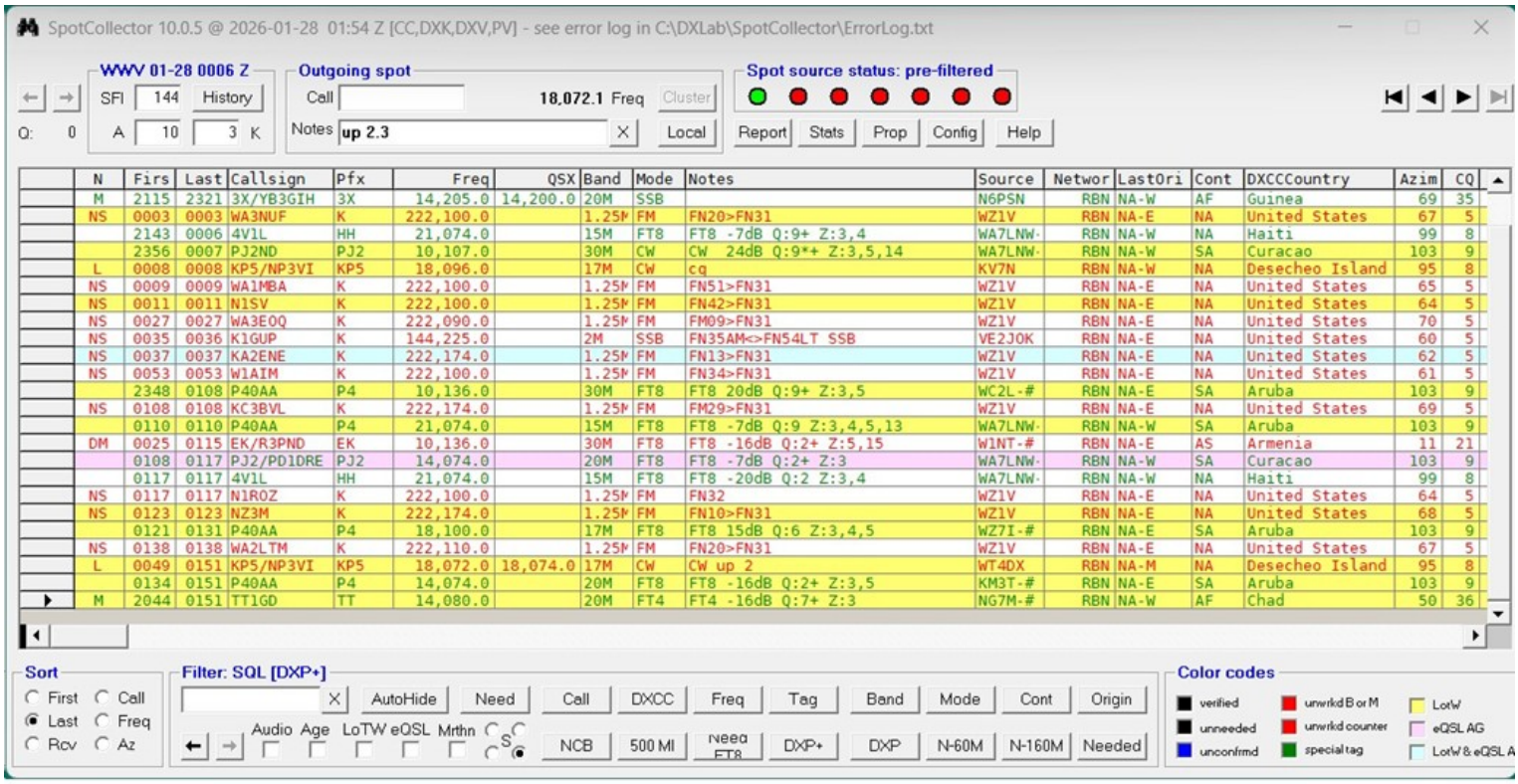
The tag I use for DXPeditions is "DXP". For those who want to chase all band/mode slots for DXPeditions, you can add a second tag, "Leaderboard", separated by a comma (for example: DXP,Leaderboard). When this tag is present, new band or mode slots needed will be indicated in SpotCollector with an **"L"** in the *NEED* column.

SpotCollector uses the following NEED symbols:

- **D** — DXCC or TopList
- **G** — VUCC
- **I** — IOTA

- **M** — Marathon Entity
- **N** — Marathon Zone
- **P** — WPX
- **S** — WAS
- **Z** — WAZ

I've also simplified my SpotCollector display to show only information that's relevant to my operating interests. Modifying the SpotCollector window is straightforward, and the built-in instructions do a good job of walking through the process. The result is a cleaner display and a more focused approach to chasing DXPeditions as they happen.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If you need any help in setting up SpotCollector or importing the file from Discord, I am reachable for help in the #general_dx channel if the GUNs Discord server.

Announcements

2026 Santa Maria DX & Contesters Convention

Convention Santa Maria 2026

The 2026 Santa Maria DX and Contesters Convention is now a little more than two months away! We hope that you are getting as excited about it as we are! The organizers, Jim, N6TJ and Dick, N6AA are working hard to make this a fun event. It will be lower key than what you may be used to at the IDXC in Visalia but a lot of fun, nevertheless. Events are being worked on and added to the EVENTS page regularly so keep an eye on that page on the website.

The Convention Registration Fee has now been set. Until now, only the Friday Contest Dinner fee had been set as Jim and Dick were working diligently on various events (many are still being finalized, in fact) and with the Santa Maria Inn on the number of meeting rooms needed before settling on the Convention Registration Fee cost.

Full Registration is $100 per person and includes Convention Registration, the Saturday Night Happy Hour (partially paid by our sponsors), the Saturday Night Banquet (also partly paid by our sponsors) and the Sunday Breakfast (again, also partly paid by our sponsors). This does not include the Friday Contest Dinner. You can go to our website Registration page to pay or pay here: https://paypal.me/ne6i/100USD If paying for more than one person, please multiply the number by $100.

If you want to forgo meals and Happy Hour, Registration is just ten bucks! You will be on your own for meals elsewhere other than the hotel. To pay for this option, go here: https://paypal.me/ne6i/10USD Again, If paying for more than one person, please multiply by $100.

If PayPal is not your thing, please contact me for alternative payment options. You can send a check via my QRZ address if you like. Zelle will work but email me for my Zelle payment address first. Other options may be available.

And for those who registered for the Friday Contest Dinner but have not yet sent payment for it, please do send your payment along. Thanks.

Payments for Registration and the Contest Dinner are due by April 1, 2026. If you have already submitted it, thanks.

As always, I will update the website within 72 hours to reflect receipt of your payment.

Need to cancel? Send Jim, N6TJ or me an email so that we can update our registration lists, notify the venues, and refund any payments you have made.

Questions, comments? Hit any of us up via email addresses on our Contact Us page.

We look forward to seeing you in Santa Maria!

73, Dennis NE6I

Webmaster

2026 Santa Maria DX and Contesters Convention

Resource Page

Useful Sites

N0HR DXpedition Map
www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone
www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

The Daily DX
www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops
www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DXing.info
/www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/

DX 425 News
www.425dxn.org/dxped/

DX Italia DX News
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DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar
http://www.dx-info.de

Southern California Contest Club
http://www.socalcontestclub.org/

Sixth District QSL Bureau
www.QSLBureau.org

Propagation

This month we had a bounce in SFI principally due to the large earth facing CME. We saw an A index of 150. In times past the space sensors would have saturated. It did result in a very long night time Caribbean opening on 6 meters, over 4 hours! 10-15m have been really buzzing and we are just coming out of the winter doldrums.

Strongest Cycle Ever? Biggest Cycle?

Understanding Indices - K9LA

What to Expect During the Rising Years of Solar Cycle 25 - YouTube

The Termination Event | Space-weather.com

ARRL VE Exam Sessions

To find an ARRL exam sessions in your area go to the website:

http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session

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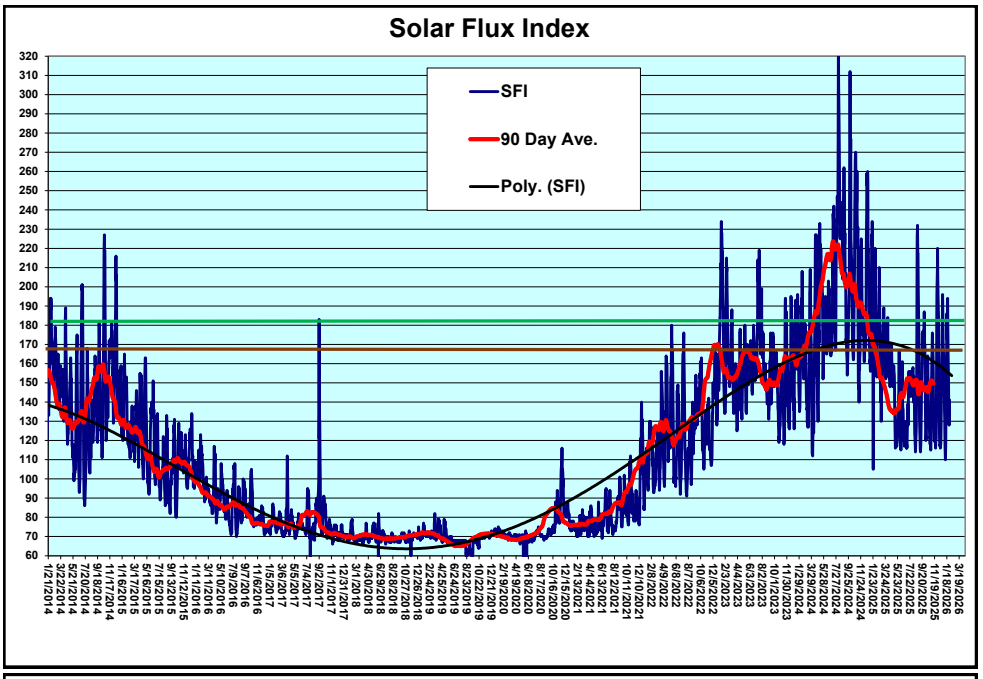
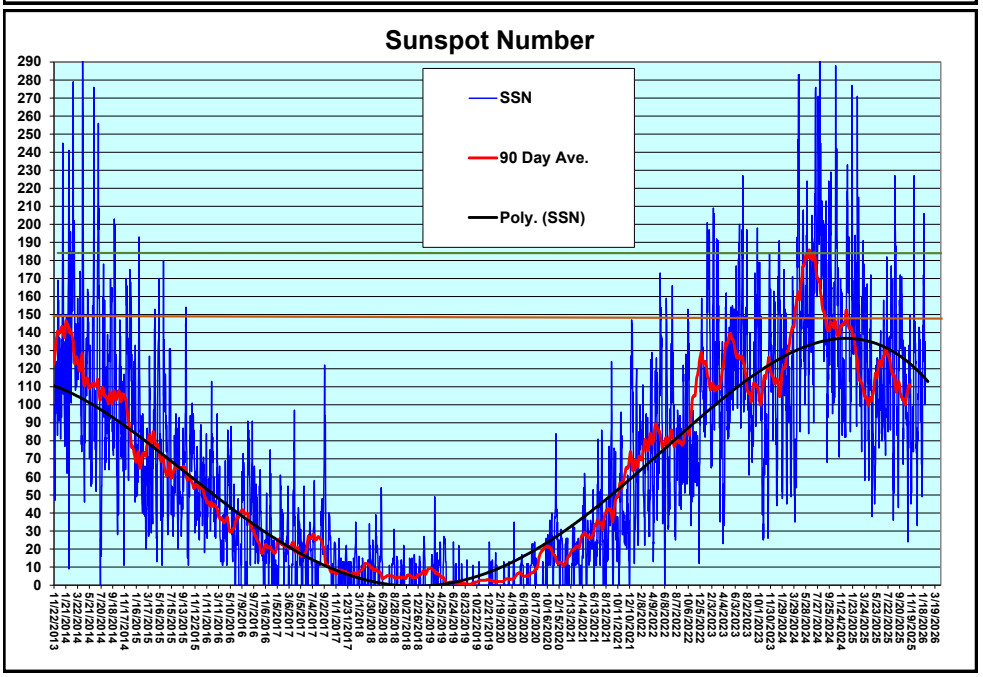
Officer Guidelines

http://www.scdxc.org/download/Officer_Guidelines.pdf

DX Code of Conduct

http://www.dx-code.org/





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